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## PREFACE

The **2008-09 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates** present the budget plans for the Offices of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly will be asked to appropriate money from the General Revenue Fund based on these Estimates pursuant to section 1(1) of the *Appropriation Act, 2008*.

The **Schedule of Amounts to be Voted** shows the Vote for each Office of the Legislative Assembly excerpted from the *Appropriation Act, 2008*.

The **Summary by Office** shows amounts for Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases together with historical data on a comparable basis.

**Expense** consists of salaries, supplies and services, grants, payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly and amortization of capital assets, unless otherwise noted. Effective April 1, 2008, the responsibility for certain human resource and financial information management activities is transferred to the Ministry of Service Alberta. The 2008-09 Estimate and associated comparable amounts for the Offices of the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Chief Electoral Officer, the Ethics Commissioner and the Information and Privacy Commissioner have been adjusted for this transfer.

**Equipment / Inventory Purchases** are defined as capital assets which are routinely moved or which may be installed as a service level improvement. These purchases have a minimum value of \$5,000 unless otherwise noted.

The **Summary of Voted Expense by Object for all Offices** identifies amounts for salaries, supplies and services, grants, payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly and amortization of capital assets.

Budgeted **Full-Time Equivalent Employment** is shown for each Office for 2008-09, as well as 2007-08.

**Voted Estimates** of Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases are presented for each Office by program.

A **Statement of Operations** and the **Change in Capital Assets** are also presented for each Office.



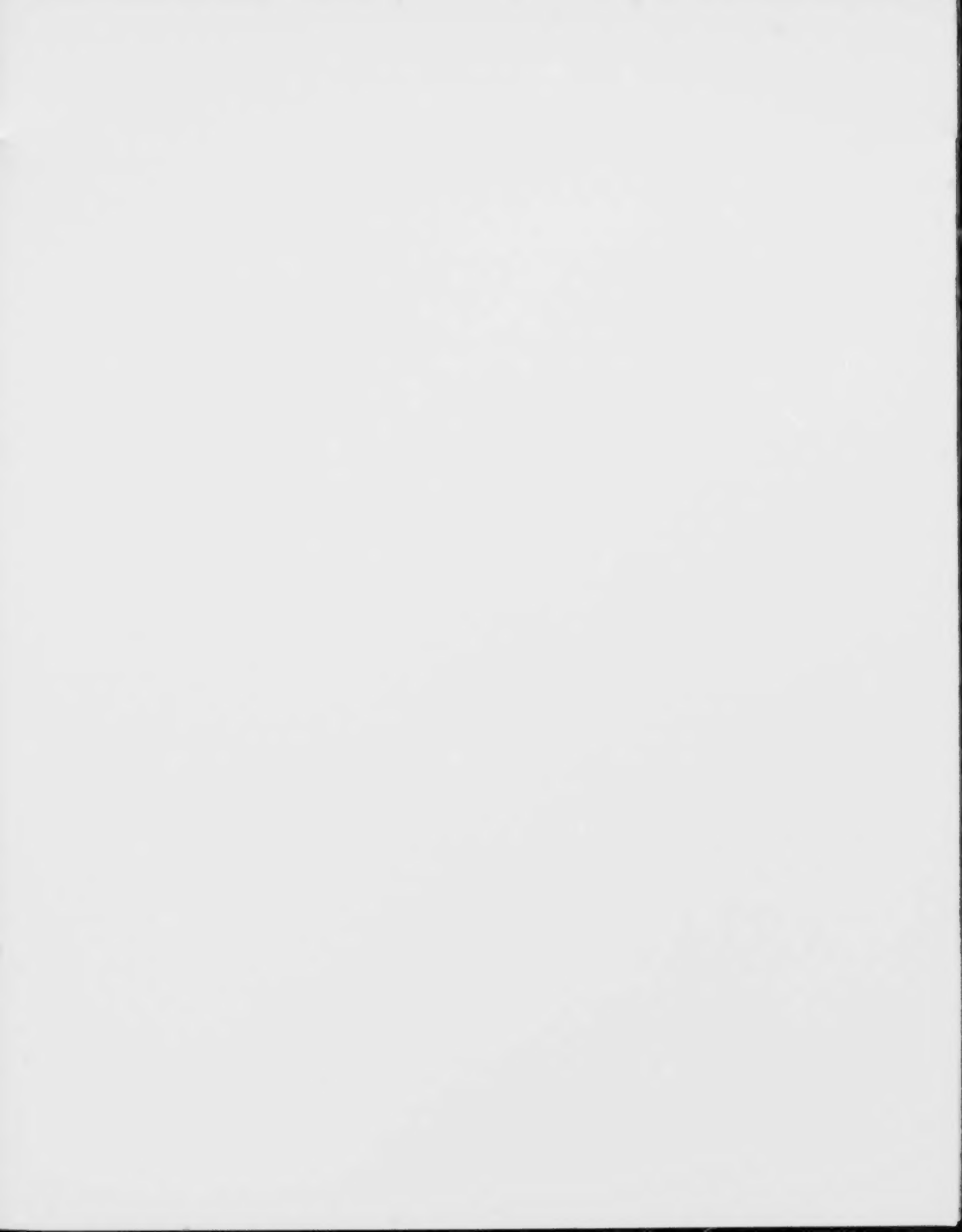


## OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED**

for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2009

OFFICE/ VOTE	Estimate
OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
<b>SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases .....	\$ 55,841,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases .....	\$ 21,795,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases .....	\$ 2,826,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases .....	\$ 5,736,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases .....	\$ 962,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases .....	\$ 5,574,000
Amount of Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases to be voted under section 1(1) of the <i>Appropriation Act, 2008</i> .....	\$ 92,734,000



**SUMMARY BY OFFICE**

(thousands of dollars)

**VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES**

		Comparable		
	2008-09	2007-08	2007-08	2006-07
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
<b>Expense</b>				
Support to the Legislative Assembly*	54,906	48,286	51,148	40,717
Office of the Auditor General	21,700	20,290	20,077	18,510
Office of the Ombudsman	2,819	2,509	2,531	2,216
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	5,236	13,560	12,990	2,082
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	750	479	684	373
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	5,549	5,096	5,113	4,435
<b>Expense</b>	<b>90,960</b>	<b>90,220</b>	<b>92,543</b>	<b>68,333</b>
<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>				
Support to the Legislative Assembly**	935	966	938	1,225
Office of the Auditor General	95	580	580	71
Office of the Ombudsman	7	22	-	-
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	500	225	225	269
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	212	-	200	-
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	25	23	14	10
<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,575</b>
<b>Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>	<b>92,734</b>	<b>92,036</b>	<b>94,500</b>	<b>69,908</b>

\* Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

\*\* Support to the Legislative Assembly has a capitalization threshold of \$2,500 rather than \$5,000.



**SUMMARY OF VOTED EXPENSE BY OBJECT FOR ALL OFFICES**

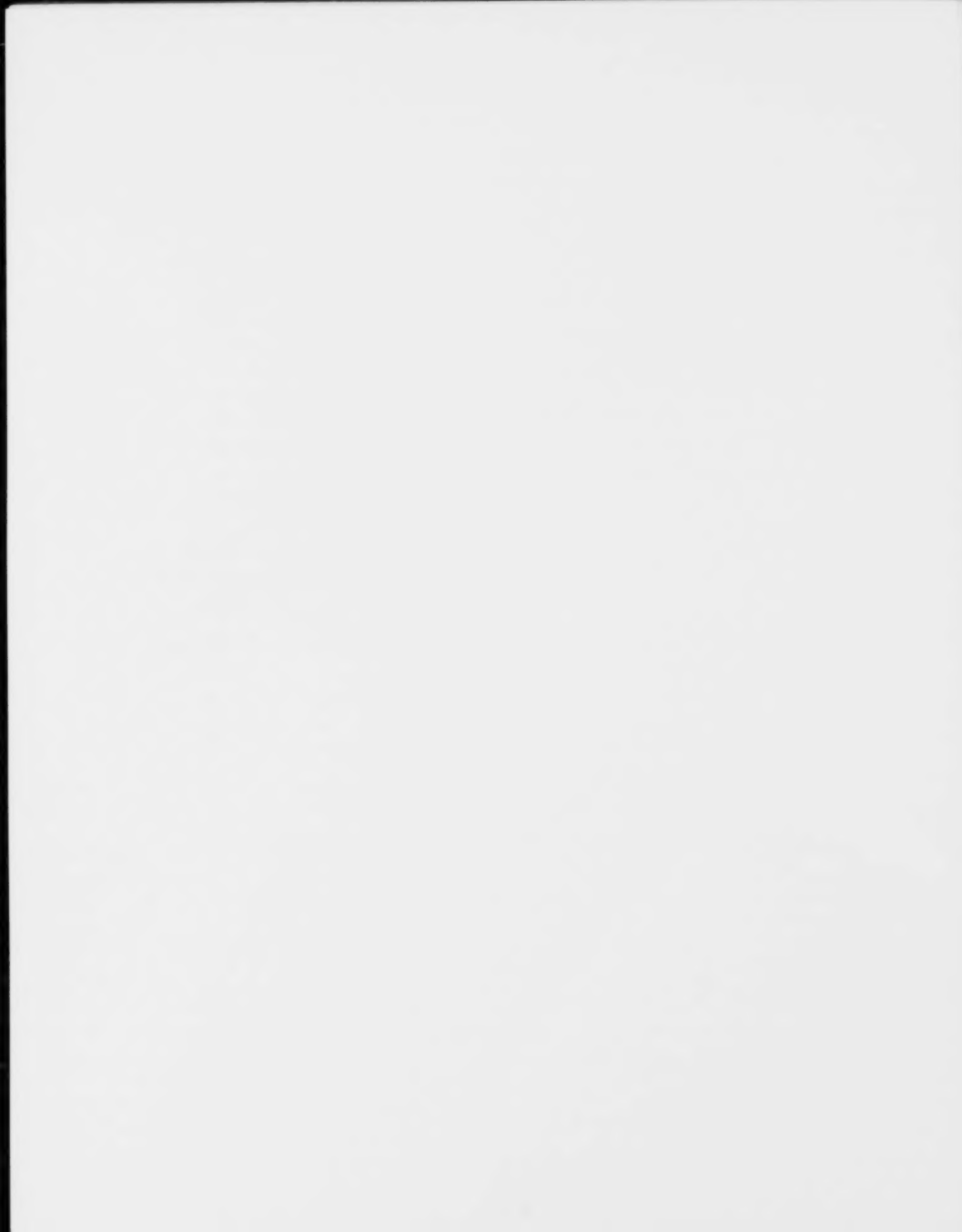
(thousands of dollars)

	<b>2008-09 Estimate</b>
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	<b>51,430</b>
Supplies and Services	<b>22,811</b>
Grants to Others	<b>7</b>
Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly	<b>16,126</b>
Amortization of Capital Assets*	<b>586</b>
<b>Total Voted Expense</b>	<b>90,960</b>

\* Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

**FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT**

	<b>2008-09 Estimate</b>	<b>Comparable 2007-08 Budget</b>
Support to the Legislative Assembly	<b>245</b>	<b>245</b>
Office of the Auditor General	<b>131</b>	<b>122</b>
Office of the Ombudsman	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalent Employment</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>446</b>





## SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### THE HONOURABLE KEN KOWALSKI

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
325 Legislature Building, (780) 427-2464

### W. J. DAVID McNEIL

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
801 Legislature Annex, (780) 427-2478

The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them, Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

### AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	2008-09 Estimate	Comparable		
		2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	55,841	49,252	52,086	41,942

**OBJECTIVE**

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of *Alberta Hansard*, the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings and Bills.

Provides for public information, public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, public service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with inter-parliamentary relations activities.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' constituency and Legislature offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances and living expenses to Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Provides for payment of premiums for health and disability benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides information technology services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for legal, procedural and security services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of transition allowances to former Members of the Legislative Assembly.



SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES**

		Comparable		
		2008-09	2007-08	2007-08
		Estimate	Forecast	Budget
				2006-07
				Actual
<b>Expense*</b>				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	18,003	14,833	15,881
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	30,660	27,356	29,072
3	Government Members' Services	3,242	3,268	3,240
4	Official Opposition Services	1,127	1,873	1,810
5	NDP Opposition Services	362	650	650
6	Alberta Alliance Opposition Services	-	153	153
7	Independent Member's Services	-	153	153
8	Vacant Electoral Division	-	-	126
9	Caucus Funding Contingency	1,512	-	63
<b>Expense</b>		<b>54,906</b>	<b>48,286</b>	<b>51,148</b>
<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases**</b>				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	735	721	728
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	200	210	210
3	Government Members' Services	-	35	-
<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		<b>935</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>938</b>
<b>Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		<b>55,841</b>	<b>49,252</b>	<b>52,086</b>
				<b>41,942</b>

\* Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

\*\* Support to the Legislative Assembly has a capitalization threshold of \$2,500 rather than \$5,000.

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

		Comparable		
	2008-09	2007-08	2007-08	2006-07
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Premiums, Fees and Licences				
Various	1	1	1	-
Other Revenue				
Various	549	537	527	666
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>666</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Voted				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	54,906	48,286	51,148	40,717
<b>Total Voted Expense</b>	<b>54,906</b>	<b>48,286</b>	<b>51,148</b>	<b>40,717</b>
Statutory				
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	1,158
<b>Total Voted and Statutory Expense</b>	<b>54,906</b>	<b>48,286</b>	<b>51,148</b>	<b>41,875</b>
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	<b>(54,356)</b>	<b>(47,748)</b>	<b>(50,620)</b>	<b>(41,209)</b>

**CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

New Capital Investment	935	966	938	1,225
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	-	-	-	(1,118)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>107</b>



**OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

**FRED J. DUNN**

Auditor General

8th Floor, 9925 - 109 Street, (780) 427-4220

The mission of the Office of the Auditor General of Alberta is to identify opportunities and propose solutions for the improved use of public resources, and to improve and add credibility to performance reporting, including financial reporting, to Albertans.

**AMOUNT TO BE VOTED**

(thousands of dollars)

	2008-09 Estimate	Comparable		
		2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
<b>EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES</b>	<b>21,795</b>	20,870	20,657	18,581

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - *Continued*

**OBJECTIVE**

To conduct professional, independent audits and express opinions as required by section 18 of the *Auditor General Act* and other statutes, on the financial statements of the Crown including departments, regulated funds, provincial agencies and other organizations or bodies of which the Auditor General is auditor.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

Reports to the Legislative Assembly on the work of the Office of the Auditor General, and on matters which were observed during the course of that work, as required by section 19 of the *Auditor General Act*, after the end of the fiscal year of the Crown.

Undertakes special auditing or investigative assignments as may be specified by the Legislative Assembly and also, under certain conditions, as specified by the Executive Council.

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES**

		Comparable			
		2008-09 Estimate	2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
	<b>Expense</b>				
1	Office of the Auditor General	21,700	20,290	20,077	18,510
	<b>Expense</b>	21,700	20,290	20,077	18,510
	<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>				
1	Office of the Auditor General	95	580	580	71
	<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>	95	580	580	71
<b>Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		21,795	20,870	20,657	18,581

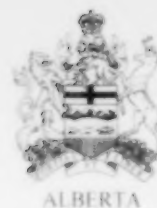
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

		Comparable		
	2008-09	2007-08	2007-08	2006-07
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Other Revenue				
Audit Fees	3,135	2,945	2,595	2,645
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,135</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>2,645</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Voted				
Office of the Auditor General	21,700	20,290	20,077	18,510
<b>Total Voted Expense</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>20,290</b>	<b>20,077</b>	<b>18,510</b>
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	<b>(18,565)</b>	<b>(17,345)</b>	<b>(17,482)</b>	<b>(15,865)</b>

**CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

New Capital Investment	95	580	580	71
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(250)	(285)	(290)	(257)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets</b>	<b>(155)</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>(186)</b>



OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

G. B. (Gord) BUTTON

Ombudsman

Suite 2800

10303 Jasper Avenue, (780) 427-2756

The Office of the Ombudsman promotes fairness in public administration within the Government of Alberta.

**AMOUNT TO BE VOTED**

(thousands of dollars)

	2008-09 Estimate	Comparable		
		2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	2,826	2,531	2,531	2,216

**OBJECTIVE**

To conduct professional, independent and impartial investigations into complaints from people who believe that they have been treated unfairly through the administrative actions or decisions of Alberta government ministries, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Regional Health Authorities and the Alberta Cancer Board.

To recommend corrective actions if a complaint is supported.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

Initiates investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into administrative matters which fall within the Ombudsman's authority to investigate as determined by the *Ombudsman Act*.

Provides a referral and information service to direct people to the appropriate contact, department or other complaint mechanism for complaints both within and outside government.

Conducts "own motion" investigations - this refers to instances where the Ombudsman, on his own initiative, decides to investigate an administrative issue within its jurisdiction.

Investigates administrative matters in response to ministerial requests or referrals from a committee of the Legislative Assembly.



OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES**

		2008-09 Estimate	Comparable		
			2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
	<b>Expense</b>				
1	Office of the Ombudsman	<b>2,819</b>	2,509	2,531	2,216
	<b>Expense</b>	<b>2,819</b>	2,509	2,531	2,216
	<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>				
1	Office of the Ombudsman	<b>7</b>	22	-	-
	<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>	<b>7</b>	22	-	-
<b>Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		<b>2,826</b>	2,531	2,531	2,216

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

	Comparable			
	2008-09	2007-08	2007-08	2006-07
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Other Revenue				
Various	-	-	-	6
<b>Total Revenue</b>	-	-	-	6
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Voted				
Office of the Ombudsman	2,819	2,509	2,531	2,216
<b>Total Voted Expense</b>	2,819	2,509	2,531	2,216
Statutory				
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	31
<b>Total Voted and Statutory Expense</b>	2,819	2,509	2,531	2,247
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	(2,819)	(2,509)	(2,531)	(2,241)

**CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

New Capital Investment	7	22	-	-
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(6)	(8)	(6)	(6)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets</b>	1	14	(6)	(6)



## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

**LORNE GIBSON**

Chief Electoral Officer

Suite 100

11510 Kingsway Avenue, (780) 427-1035

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

### AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	2008-09 Estimate	Comparable		
		2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	5,736	13,785	13,215	2,351

## **OBJECTIVE**

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

## **SERVICES PROVIDED**

Provides for the register of electors, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and their campaign officials, and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant Acts.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES**

		Comparable			
		2008-09 Estimate	2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
<b>Expense</b>					
1	Corporate Services	2,183	1,871	1,627	1,161
2	Elections	3,053	11,689	11,363	921
<b>Expense</b>		5,236	13,560	12,990	2,082
<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>					
1	Corporate Services	500	225	225	269
<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		500	225	225	269
<b>Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		5,736	13,785	13,215	2,351

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

		Comparable		
	2008-09 Estimate	2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Other Revenue				
Various	-	-	-	13
<b>Total Revenue</b>	-	-	-	13
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Voted				
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	5,236	13,560	12,990	2,082
<b>Total Voted Expense</b>	5,236	13,560	12,990	2,082
Statutory				
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	(9)
<b>Total Voted and Statutory Expense</b>	5,236	13,560	12,990	2,073
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	(5,236)	(13,560)	(12,990)	(2,060)

**CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

New Capital Investment	500	225	225	269
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(250)	(249)	(249)	(202)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets</b>	250	(24)	(24)	67



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## OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER

**DONALD M. HAMILTON**

Ethics Commissioner

1250, 9925 - 109 Street, (780) 422-2273

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner is responsible for administering the *Conflicts of Interest Act* and the lobbyists registry under the *Lobbyists Act*. The Office also has responsibility for administering the Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest directive for designated senior officials.

### AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	2008-09 Estimate	Comparable		
		2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	962	479	884	373

## OBJECTIVE

To provide elected Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials of the government with advice and recommendations regarding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest from the public and from elected Members.

To create and maintain a publicly-accessible lobbyists registry and to investigate alleged breaches of the *Lobbyists Act*.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

Promotes the understanding by Members of the Legislative Assembly of their obligations under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, by senior officials of their obligations under the directive issued by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and by the public of conflict of interest obligations of Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials.

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior government officials regarding their income, assets, liabilities, and financial interests and prepares public disclosure statements for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Investigates complaints received from the public or from an elected Member respecting an alleged breach of the Act by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides advice and recommendations on matters respecting obligations of the Members of the Legislative Assembly under the Act, and of senior officials pursuant to the directive of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Maintains a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and provides advice and information to lobbyists and citizens on matters covered by the *Lobbyists Act*.

Conducts investigations into possible contraventions of the *Lobbyists Act* and may require payment of an administrative penalty.



OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES**

		Comparable			
		2008-09 Estimate	2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
<hr/>					
	<b>Expense</b>				
1	Office of the Ethics Commissioner	750	479	684	373
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	<b>Expense</b>	750	479	684	373
<hr/>					
	<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>				
1	Office of the Ethics Commissioner	212	-	200	-
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	<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>	212	-	200	-
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<b>Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		<b>962</b>	479	884	373

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - *Continued*  
(thousands of dollars)

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

	Comparable			
	2008-09 Estimate	2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>				
None	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<i>Voted</i>				
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	750	479	684	373
<b>Total Voted Expense</b>	750	479	684	373
<i>Statutory</i>				
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	7
<b>Total Voted and Statutory Expense</b>	750	479	684	380
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	(750)	(479)	(684)	(380)

**CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

New Capital Investment	212	-	200	-
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(40)	(3)	(3)	(3)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets</b>	172	(3)	197	(3)



**OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND  
PRIVACY COMMISSIONER**

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Information and Privacy Commissioner  
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The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Health Information Act*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

**AMOUNT TO BE VOTED**

(thousands of dollars)

	2008-09 Estimate	Comparable		
		2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	5,574	5,119	5,127	4,445

## **OBJECTIVE**

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner administers the following legislation governing access to information and protection of privacy:

*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

*Health Information Act*

*Personal Information Protection Act*

These statutes were enacted by the Legislature to bring about meaningful changes in how public and private sector organizations operate. Each Act positions the Commissioner to exercise powers affecting the conduct and practices of various groups of information holders. The major operational purposes of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner are:

- to facilitate the resolution of matters dealing with access to information and protection of personal privacy under the three relevant Alberta statutes,
- to advocate protection of privacy for Albertans, and
- to advance open and accountable government in all Alberta public bodies.

### **Vision Statement:**

To promote a society where personal privacy is respected and public bodies are open and accountable.

## **SERVICES PROVIDED**

Provides impartial review of access to information and protection of privacy issues.

Investigates complaints that personal/health information has been collected, used or disclosed in violation of the Acts.

Produces information, organizes events, gives presentations and issues media releases for public awareness, general education and professional development.

Monitors the general operation of each statute, assesses compliance with legislation and addresses instances of non-compliance.

Supports work done by information holders to assure privacy protection and to enhance routine disclosure and active dissemination of general information.

Comment on proposed legislative schemes or programs, privacy impact assessments or data sharing initiatives.

Conduct inquiries, investigations and issue orders on access to information and protection of privacy

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(thousands of dollars)

**VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES**

		Comparable			
		2008-09 Estimate	2007-08 Forecast	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Actual
<b>Expense</b>					
1	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	5,549	5,096	5,113	4,435
<b>Expense</b>		5,549	5,096	5,113	4,435
<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>					
1	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	25	23	14	10
<b>Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		25	23	14	10
<b>Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases</b>		5,574	5,119	5,127	4,445

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(thousands of dollars)

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

	2008-09	2007-08	Comparable 2007-08	2006-07
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Other Revenue				
Various	-	-	-	4
<b>Total Revenue</b>	-	-	-	4
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Voted				
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	5,549	5,096	5,113	4,435
<b>Total Voted Expense</b>	5,549	5,096	5,113	4,435
Statutory				
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	27
<b>Total Voted and Statutory Expense</b>	5,549	5,096	5,113	4,462
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	(1)
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	<b>(5,549)</b>	<b>(5,096)</b>	<b>(5,113)</b>	<b>(4,459)</b>

**CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

New Capital Investment	25	23	14	10
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	(1)
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(40)	(58)	(58)	(76)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>(67)</b>



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